

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)

PESTICIDE EPISODE CLOSING REPORT

PR-ENF-055 (REV. 5/00)

CLOSED

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PRIORITY INVESTIGATION NO.	INCIDENT DATE	TRANSMITTAL DATE	CLOSING REPORT DATE	SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ATTACHED	
52-LA-02	8/13/02	8/13/02	5/9/03	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NAME OF PESTICIDE			U.S. EPA OR STATE REGISTRATION NO.	SIGNAL WORD	
Vikane (Sulfuryl Fluoride) / Dow			62719 - 4	Danger	
INVESTIGATION SUMMARY:					
<p>On August 13, 2002, at 5:45 a.m., a house under fumigation exploded in Torrance, California. Five (5) people were taken to the hospital and several others received treatment for minor injuries. The explosion completely leveled the house and caused damage to twenty (20) adjacent houses. In the morning of August 12, 2002, a structural pest control company, Network Fumigation, treated a house located on <u>20914 Tomlec Avenue, Torrance, California</u> with Vikane (EPA Registration Number 62719-4). The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's (LA CAC) Office has investigated this incident. As a result of this investigation, it was concluded that the Fumigation company performed all required safety mandates prior to sealing the tarps and shooting the gas. The gas leak was coming from the threaded area attached to the main service valve. The determinant cause of the leak in the riser could not be established. The Gas Company's inspection of the riser and main service valve will occur sometime in the future. The subsequent results will be added to this investigation report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Up date IO13509-018 & IO13152-001</i></p>					
SECTION(S) VIOLATED:		CONSIDERATIONS:			
None		<p>GROUND WATER YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WORKER HEALTH AND SAFETY YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ENDANGERED SPECIES YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>PRODUCT REGISTRATION YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>CANCELLED/SUSPENDED PESTICIDE YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p>			
ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIANCE ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY <input type="checkbox"/> EPA ACTION REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER					
DPR ROUTING:			AGENCY NOTIFICATION		DATE REPORT SENT
Andrews, Brank, Bundock, Okumura, Paulsen, Reardon, Richmond, Rutz, Shattuck, Watson, Southern Regional Office, Priority Investigation File (52-LA-02)			U.S. EPA: Ms. Laurie Amaro		5/9/03
			CAC: Mr. Cato Fisksdal		5/9/03
			DIR: Mr. Rod Repke		5/9/03
			DHS: Dr. Rupali Das		5/9/03
			OEHHA: Dr. William Ngai		5/9/03
			OTHER: Ms. Kelli Okuma (SPCB)		5/9/03
(PLEASE PRINT ON LINES BELOW)					
REPORT PREPARED BY: Mr. Bhupinder Dhillon					DATE: 5/9/03
REPORT REVIEWED BY: Mr. Jahan Motakef					DATE: 5/9/03
DPR REGIONAL OFFICE SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE: Original Signed by Mr. Jahan Motakef				PHONE NO.: (714) 279-7011	DATE: 5/9/03